

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0861-01
Bill No.: HB 288
Subject: Children and Minors; Law Enforcement Officers and Agencies; Motor Vehicles
Type: Original
Date: March 1, 2005

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials with the **Department of Public Safety–Missouri State Highway Patrol, Department of Transportation, Office of Prosecution Services, Office of State Courts Administrator, and State Public Defender’s Office** assume this proposal would have no fiscal impact on their agencies.

Officials from the **Office of Secretary of State (SOS)** assume the proposal may result in the Attorney General’s Office rescinding, amending, or promulgating rules to implement the provisions of this act. These rules would be published in the Missouri Register and the Code of State Regulations. These rules could require as many as 8 pages in the Code of State Regulations and half again as many pages in the Missouri Register, as cost statements, fiscal notes, and the like are not repeated in the Code. The estimated cost of a page in the Missouri Register is \$23 and the estimated cost of a page in the Code of State Regulations is \$27. Based on these costs, the estimated cost of the proposal is \$492 in FY 06 and unknown in subsequent years. The actual cost could be more or less than the numbers given. The impact of this legislation in future years is unknown and depends upon the frequency and length of rules filed, amended, rescinded, or withdrawn.

Oversight assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations

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ASSUMPTION (continued)

related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which would require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2006 (6 Mo.)	FY 2007	FY 2008
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2006 (6 Mo.)	FY 2007	FY 2008
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

Small business that transport small children or sell child safety restraints might be impacted as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This legislation changes the laws regarding child passenger restraints and safety belts. The act:

- (1) Requires children less than four years of age, regardless of weight, or who weigh less than 40 pounds, regardless of age, to be secured in a child passenger restraint system;
- (2) Requires children four through eight years of age or weighing 40 to 80 pounds or less than four feet nine inches in height to be secured in a child passenger restraint system or booster seat;
- (3) Requires children at least 80 pounds or more than four feet nine inches in height to be secured by a vehicle safety belt;
- (4) Requires car rental agencies doing business in Missouri to inform customers of the requirements of the bill and to provide an appropriate child passenger restraint system;

DESCRIPTION (continued)

(5) Exempts public carriers for hire; and

(6) Requires the Department of Public Safety to develop a public information program to ensure compliance with child passenger restraint laws.

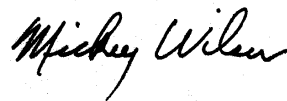
The exemption on belt usage of drivers and passengers if there are more persons than there are safety belts is removed.

The act has an effective date of January 1, 2006.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Public Safety
Missouri State Highway Patrol
Department of Transportation, Office of Prosecution Services
Office of State Courts Administrator
State Public Defender's Office
Office of Secretary of State



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